

Application No.: 10/777,563  
Response dated: July 28, 2006  
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### REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present claims, in light of the attached claim clarifications and the Remarks, which follow, is respectfully requested.

Claims now before the Examiner are 1-8 and 10-14. Claims 1-8 and 10-14 are based on claims 1-14 of the issued patent.

The numbering in this Response will follow that of the Examiner's Action.

#### **Non-Compliance**

1. Concurrently with this Paper, Applicants are resubmitting a declaration by the Assignee, with a more specific discussion of the error which leads to the filing of this Reissue Application.
2. The Examiner objects to claims 15-31. These claims have been cancelled, rendering the Objection moot.
3. & 4. The Examiner states that Applicants must indicate how claims 15-31 differ from claims (patented) 1-14. Again the cancellation of these claims renders this requirement moot.

All of the Examiner's Objections directed to non-compliance issues have been addressed. Withdrawal of the Objections is respectfully requested.

6. The verbiage of this paragraph states that the Examiner *may* make a restriction, but does not appear to Applicants that a restriction is actually made. Clarification is respectfully requested.

7. No Response necessary.

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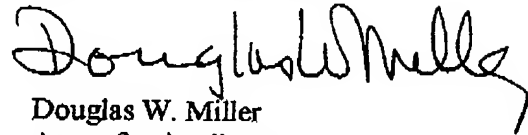
The claims are in condition for allowance.

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